

The William Garrett House, San Augustine vicinity
San Augustine County, Texas.

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THE WILLIAM GARRETT HOUSE
HIGHWAY No. 21.
SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY, TEXAS

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The present owner and occupant is Sam Parker, who acquired the property in 1905 from the Garrett Estate.

Intermediate owners were all members of the Garrett family.

Alterations and additions shown by dotted lines on drawings, and by photographs were all made by Mr. Parker. The addition of corner closets and partitions in Kitchen, Hall and northeast downstairs Bedroom are of a minor nature. The closing up of the main Hall downstairs by means of doors, etc., and rebuilding of Porch are the only major changes. The original balusters and newels were used when the Porch was pulled in, leaving the foundations of columns exposed. The reconstruction of original Porch as per drawings follows Mr. Parker's description and is borne out by the general lines of the house.

The original house was built by William Garrett in 1857. No record of the Architect and Builder exists.

William Garrett was a typical East Texas pioneer, and was related to many of the older families, the Subletts, McFarlands, Blounts, Gov. Roberts and Gov. Hendersons.

San Augustine was established as a township under Spanish authority in 1832, and in 1836 was the largest town in Texas with a population of 2,000 people. The original plantation home, of which no trace remains, was built by William Garrett in 1835. Stone markings in the private cemetery on the property show dates as early as 1851.

Further reference is hereby made to Rev. George L. Crockett's book "Two Centuries of East Texas".

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